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June 18, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, and Planulina 4-5  
Zone, Reservoir A, BACK RIDGE FIELD, Cameron  
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MANTI OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Planulina 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A, all in the Back Ridge Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, and from the Planulina 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, and a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Planulina 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A, such units being designated PLAN 1-3 RA SUA and PLAN 4-5 RA SUA, and being shown on the attached plats.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, each of the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to either of these zones outside of the units proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate unit well for PLAN 1-3 RA SUA or PLAN 4-5 RA SUA be exempt from the well location provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify either of the zones by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.

8. To define the Planulina 1-3 Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 9,765' and 10,525' in the Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.--E. R. & C. F. Henry No. A-3 Well, located in Section 30, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

9. To define the Planulina 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 11,070' and 11,370' in the Cockrell Oil--C. F. Henry No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

10. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Comeaux at (337) 233-9839 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

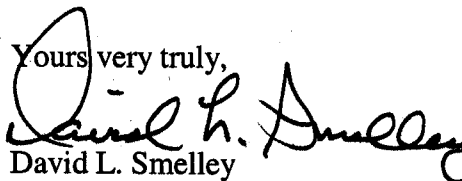
By letter dated May 22, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set June 18, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. While a request for the pre-application conference was received, it was subsequently withdrawn; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the two (2) unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

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Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Back Ridge Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Manti Operating Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

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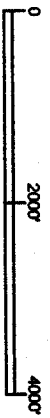
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MANTI OPERATING COMPANY

BACK RIDGE FIELD  
CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
PLANULINA 4-5 ZONE  
Geology by: David Comeaux



DATE:  
LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC